

Application 09/827,985
Amendment dated February 12, 2004
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION dated December 12, 2003

**RESPONSE UNDER CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1745**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF	:	Ronald O'Connell
FOR	:	METHOD OF JOINING CURRENT COLLECTORS IN A MULTI-LAYER CELL
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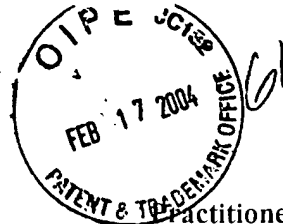
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The following is a response to the Final Office Action dated December 12, 2003,
in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 2 of this Response.



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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*
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2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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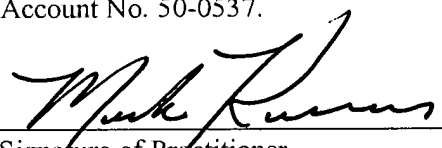
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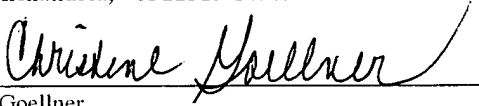


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